(ख) 31-1-95 तक देश के उत्तरी राज्यों में नई चीनी मिलों की स्थापना के लिए आशय पत्रों की मंजूरी हेतु 88 प्रस्ताव खाद्य मंत्रालय के विचारार्थ लम्बित थे । राज्यवार विवरण निम्नानुसार है :–

क्रम सं०	राज्य	विचारार्थ लम्बित प्रस्तावों की संख्या
1.	उत्तर प्रदेश	72
2.	मध्य प्रदेश	12
3.	पंजाब	4
		कुल : 88

(ग) चीनी उद्योग को लाइसेंसिंग/लाइसेंस मुक्त करने के पक्ष और विपक्ष की जांच की जा रही है ।

Project "On Line Transmissin of Data"

*299. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the project "On Line Transmission of Data" Commissioned by the Department of Statistics and inaugurated by the Minister of State for Planning and Programme Implementation on the 22nd of June, 1994;

(b) whether the scheme has taken full advantage of the latest available technologies in data transmission; and if so, in what manner;

(c) whether it is a fact that necessary hardware was not properly supplied to the field units resulting in improper implementation of the scheme;

(d) at what level this scheme is being monitored and how will its evaluation be done; and

(e) what are the benefits of this scheme and its cost benefit analysis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (e) The project has been operationalised with the transmission of monthly progress reports on core items relating to on-going surveys as also of summary particulars of the Annual Survey of Industries. Other categories of data will be added to this progressively.

The Scheme has taken full advantage of the latest available technology by resorting to use of the NICNET facility.

50 field offices have been provided with the requisite hardware and software during 1994-95. All the other field offices will be so covered during 1995-96.

The Scheme is being monitored at Divisional, Organizational and Secretariat levels. The Scheme will be evaluated with reference to realisation of its objectives.

It is expected that the project when fully implemented, will lead to cutting down substantially the time-lag in making survey results available. It will also have a significant impact on the quality of data. The project is implemented only with marginal cost; we are not required to make any payments towards the cost of creating and maintaining the NICNET facility. No cost-benefit analysis with commercial objectives has been undertaken.

Resale of sugar in world market by STC and MMTC

*300. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation (STC) and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) have dropped the resale plan of sugar in the world market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;